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S.F. GOV'T TO HEAR HUNGER DEMANDS SEPT. 12

Two More Counties Join in Hunger Marches; Alameda March on Sept. 29

FORD TOURS WESTERN CITIES WILL TELL OF HOOVER'S TERROR AGAINST VETS IN WASHINGTON

ANTI-JIM CROW LEADERS FACE DENVER COURT

28 on Trial Demanding
Equal Rights for
Negroes

DENVER, Col.—The trial of 28 young white and Negro workers arrested in the fight against Jim-Crowism on August 18, is taking place before the notorious anti-labor judge, Pickens.

The prosecution commenced the cases, but after strong objections from Menin, the I. L. D. lawyer, the judge ruled that each will get a separate trial.

The first to be tried is George Kaplan, district secretary of the International Labor Defense. Fully realizing that Judge Pickens' court is a kangaroo court, the defense brought in its own stenographer. The judge and prosecutor objected strenuously, adjourning the court in the midst of Kaplan's trial. The court re-opened the next day with the city having its own stenographer as well.

The same day that Kaplan's trial started Judge Pickens was informed that six defendants whom he convicted on April 23 were freed on appeal after the county court scored the "disreputable" method in which Pickens runs his court.

The arrests were a result of the fight that took place when hundreds of white and Negro young workers, under the leadership of the Young Communists' League, challenged the Jim Crow law that bars Negroes from swimming in the swimming pool at Washington Park.

The I. L. D. calls upon workers to get behind this fight for Negro rights and send in protests to Mayor George B. Begole, City Hall, Denver, Colo.

R. R. WORKERS ON ALL LINES FACE BIG WAGE CUT

One Million Workers Are
Affected

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The railroad executives of most of the railroad systems have definitely declared for a policy, to enforce a 20 per cent wage cut from the existing wage rate. This includes practically all important lines, and will involve about a million workers.

This wage cut, to go into effect at the beginning of 1933 comes shortly after a 10 per cent wage cut, which was put through with the assistance of the leaders of the railroad unions.

In addition to the wage cutting policy, other "economies" are being carried through in the industry. Many trains are taken off the regular schedules, and more powerful locomotives, able to pull longer trains, are being introduced.

Furthermore, there is definite talk for a dictator on the eastern systems and one on the Western lines. This will also cut down the

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Negro Organizations Preparing Big Turn Out for Mass Meetings; Will Speak on Communist Platform

WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION WILL HEAR JAMES FORD

State Convention to Nominate Communist
Ticket

SEATTLE, Wash.—From all indications the State Nominating Convention, to be held September 13, will be a mass convention of many organizations of workers and farmers. The convention will endorse the national candidates of the Communist Party, Foster and Ford, and will nominate a state ticket.

The high point of the convention will be when James Ford, vice-presidential candidate of the Communist Party, will address the delegates.

The convention will adopt a state platform based on the needs of the workers and farmers of the state, and particularly to expose the many fakery that are confusing the workers with their demagogues.

Ford will also speak at a large mass meeting in the evening of the 13th. Workers from Seattle and many from the nearby towns are preparing to make this meeting a great campaign rally.

Delegates should send in credentials to the Communist Party, 1421 1/2 Eighth St., Seattle, Wash.

FORD'S TOUR District 12

Sept. 11—Spokane, Wash.
Sept. 13—Seattle, Wash.
Sept. 14—Tacoma, Wash.
Sept. 15—Aberdeen, Wash.
Sept. 16—Portland, Ore.

District 13
Sept. 18—Oakland.
Sept. 19—San Francisco.
Sept. 20—Los Angeles.
Sept. 21—San Diego.

District 19
Sept. 22—Phoenix, Ariz.
Sept. 24—Salt Lake City.
Sept. 25—Denver, Colo.

BENJAMIN TOURS WEST FOR UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL

National Secretary, Unemployed Councils, to Expose
Fake Relief Schemes; Explain Program of U. C.

H. Benjamin, of the National Committee of the Unemployed Councils, is on a nationwide tour in connection with the problems of the unemployed.

His meetings will be chiefly devoted to explaining the program of the Unemployed Councils, expose the demagogues, particularly the so-called progressives in Congress, Cox, Harvey and the Liberty Party, the Citizens Unemployed Leagues, the "B. E. F." and to rally support behind the platform of the Communist Party.

Also discuss with the leading workers in the Unemployed Councils methods for improving the struggle for relief.

More than three weeks of the

A great interest has been aroused throughout the west as the dates for Ford's meetings approach. Many workers organizations are preparing demonstrations to welcome the first Negro Vice Presidential candidate in the U. S.

In addition to speaking on the platform of the Communist Party, Ford will tell the story of the Washington massacre. Ford, himself and ex-serviceman, was one of the leaders of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League during that time, and was one of the first to be arrested.

Many Negro organizations are organizing their membership to come in a body to the mass meetings. Ford will especially stress the sections in the Communist Party platform that deal with the struggles of the Negro workers and farmers.

The San Francisco meeting will be at California Hall, Polk and Turk streets, September 19, 8 p. m.

NOTICE California Workers

The Communist Party calls upon all workers' organizations and supporters of the Party to take an active part in the "write in" campaign. This means that thousands of workers will have to be shown that it is possible to vote for Foster and Ford in California by writing in the names of the electors.

The Party is putting forth two electors. The names of these two electors are:

WILLIAM FOSTER
JAMES FORD

These names are to be written in the first two blank spaces provided on the voting machines for electors for presidential candidates not appearing on the ballot. There are similar provisions on all paper ballots.

On the paper ballots a cross must be stamped with the rubber stamp provided in the election booths.

Save the Daily Worker

We have just received a telegram from the Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. that unless \$5000 is raised by Wednesday, September 14, the Daily will be forced to suspend.

This urgent call must be answered immediately by many workers. Send in all you can to save our only daily paper in the English language. Send all money to Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York City.

Mooney Olympic Runners Sentenced

I. L. D. Appeals Case; \$1000 Bail Set for Each; Mass
Protests Against Fascist Court Trial

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—The six young workers who have demonstrated for Tom Mooney in the Olympic Stadium, have been sentenced to nine months by Judge Thurmond Clarke.

The I. L. D. is appealing the case. Bail has been set at one thousand dollars each.

In addition to the nine months sentence, Ethel Dell and Mayer Baylin received sentences of fifty days and one hundred days respectively, for contempt of court.

The trial, which lasted for two weeks, was characterized by the most vicious attitude on the part of the judge. The courtroom was always packed with workers. The I. L. D. is organizing a big protest movement for the freeing of the six young workers.

Defend Mooney Demonstrators

The struggle for the defense of the Mooney demonstrators is only beginning. The I. L. D. is appealing the case, and behind this appeal must be a great mass protest from the many thousands who are for the freedom of Tom Mooney.

The I. L. D. in order to carry through the defense campaign, is greatly in need of funds. Make all checks and money orders payable to the International Labor Defense, 120 Winston St., Los Angeles, Cal.

During the week several families complained to the Unemployed Council that all attempts to get relief were refused. Finally driven by desperation these families turned to the Unemployed Council. A committee, headed by Von Hessler, went to the welfare bureau to demand grocery orders for these families, and again met with refusal. When the committee became insistent, Pendleton, in charge, sent for the police and had the leaders arrested.

The workers were booked on the charge of disturbing the peace. They demanded a jury trial, which was set for September 16 before Judge Chambers.

Seventy-five workers attended the hearing to protest against the arrest. The judge and the court officials gazed open mouthed at the solidarity of the workers when they got up as one and followed Von Hessler out of the courtroom.

The workers then went to the meeting of the supervisors, taking place at the courthouse. There, before many welfare workers and reporters, the welfare bureau was denounced. The supervisors were held criminally responsible for the starvation policy.

Fearing the militancy of the workers, the supervisors appointed Supervisor Hastings to see to it that the families get food.

The board of supervisors are particularly enraged because a recent victory of the Unemployed Council forced them to add \$280,000 to the budget for welfare work.

MOBILIZATION POINTS SAN FRANCISCO HUNGER MARCH, Sept. 12

Main Mobilization Point, Fulton and Market, 1:30 p. m.

Mission, 16th and Howard Sts., 12:30 p. m.

Fillmore, Gough and Eddy Sts., 12:30 p. m.

Embarcadero, between Mission and Market, 12 noon

North Beach, Union and Stockton, 12:10 p. m.

Downtown, 765 Howard St., 12:30 p. m.

The march will proceed from all these points to the main mobilization center at Fulton and Market (near Civic Center). There a delegation will be elected to go to the Board of Supervisors and present the demands.

STATE A. F. OF L. CONVENTION TO MEET IN MODESTO

Rank and File Delegates
Will Raise Vital
Issues

The California State Federation of Labor will hold its convention on September 19 at Modesto. All local unions that are affiliated to the federation and have paid the per capita tax, are entitled to delegates. The indications are, however, that many locals this year will not be represented, not having paid the per capita, being virtually in a state of bankruptcy.

The district office of the Trade Union Unity League, to which many groups of the A. F. of L. locals are affiliated, states that this year the militant delegates at the convention will have to raise a number of very vital issues facing the workers of the state.

1. To favor unemployment insurance. Many locals that have repudiated the stand taken at the Vancouver convention of the A. F. of L.

2. The fight against having a mass of members taken off the books because they are behind in dues.

3. To demand a struggle against wage cuts and "grocery jobs."

4. To fight for the freedom of Tom Mooney.

5. The fight against the criminal syndicalism law.

At last year's convention all the workers and farmers coming from above issues have been either voted down or ignored.

WILL DEMAND WORKERS ADMINISTER \$6,500,000

Will Meet at Civic Center 1:30 p. m. to Demand \$10
Per Week in Cash, and That Profits Be
Taxed for Unemployed

LOS ANGELES HUNGER MARCH OCTOBER THIRD

Conference to Prepare for
March Sept. 11

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 6.—Called by the Unemployed Council and the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, a conference of trade unions and workers' clubs will be held here on Sunday, September 11 to prepare for the Los Angeles County Hunger March October 3. The conference opens at 10 a. m.

The hunger marchers, mobilizing at 59th street and Central avenue, will march down to the county offices, being joined en route by members of various block committees and Unemployed Council neighborhood groups. Other workers will assemble at First and Evergreen and march down town, the two groups meeting at the Plaza and proceeding to the Hall of Records, where a committee representing the marchers will present their demands, which call for \$10 per week for every unemployed worker and \$3 each for dependents.

Response of workers to the call issued for the hunger march indicates it will be one of the most tremendous demonstrations of unemployed workers in Southern California.

NEVADA WORKERS IN HUNGER MARCH

FALLON, Nev.—The workers and farmers of Churchill county, Nevada, will hold a hunger march on October 5.

The county commissioners are to meet on that date at Fallon, and will be met by delegations of different points in the county, to present demands for relief.

The march is being led by the United Farmers League and the Unemployed Council.

8 CALIF. COUNTIES RING WITH HUNGER DEMANDS

Demanding winter relief for unemployed and hungry workers, county hunger marches will take place throughout California during September and October. Reports indicate that farmers are responding to the call of the Unemployed Councils and Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, and will form a united front with the city workers in demands for relief.

ALAMEDA SEPT. 29
The first of the series of marches will take place on September 29 at San Francisco. This will be followed on September 29 by a march of workers and farmers of Alameda county, when demands for relief will be made of county authorities at Alameda.

THREE MARCHES OCT. 3
October 3 will witness three hunger marches in widely separated localities. In San Jose unemployed workers and farmers of the Santa Clara valley will demand relief of the county. Los Angeles workers will demonstrate at the Plaza and San Joaquin county workers and farmers will march to Stockton, where committees representing the marchers will interview county officials, demanding relief.

San Mateo county workers and farmers will present their demand at Redwood City on October 10. The Sacramento county march will likewise take place on October 10.

At Sacramento county supervisors have promised to be at the county building to receive the marchers, but workers declared today that they would march to the county seat and make their demands whether the county officials choose to be on hand or not.

The last of the marches scheduled thus far will be held at Santa Cruz, where farm and city workers will march and demand relief.

Reports from the various localities where workers and farmers

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BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—At a meeting held today in the City Hall, Mayor Rossi declared before a delegation of 21 of the Unemployed Council and Hunger March Committee, that a standing delegation of the Unemployed Council would be given a voice in the committee that is to supervise the distribution of the \$6,500,000 for relief carried in the recent election.

Mayor Rossi further agreed that the delegation of the hunger marchers would be given a hearing at the meeting of the supervisors on Monday, Sept. 12.

A letter has been sent to the Board of Supervisors, informing them that the Hunger March will take place on September 12, to present before them the demands of the San Francisco Unemployed.

The letter includes the demands, chief of which are \$25,000,000 appropriation for relief, out of which \$10 per week be paid to each unemployed and \$3 additional for each dependent; that all relief funds be administered by the unemployed. That these funds come from taxing all incomes of county officials above \$3000 per year, and of all incomes of individuals and corporations above \$5000 per year; that all evictions be stopped.

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LAUNDRY WORKERS CUT 10 P. C. DESPITE VOTE TO STRIKE

Union Officials Co-operate
With Bosses to Put
Over Cut

Although 2000 San Francisco laundry workers have voted to strike against the 15 per cent wage cut at first proposed, they were finally compelled to accept a 10 per cent cut.

This was accomplished by the closest co-operation and secret negotiations between the union officials and the bosses.

The local officials with the assistance of a national vice-president have dragged out the negotiations for weeks, in the meantime using every conceivable method to split up the workers so as to carry the vote for accepting the wage cut. The San Francisco Labor Council also intervened and proposed the acceptance of the wage cut.

The indignation of the workers has been greatly aroused by the sell out. There are many that now consider the dragging out of the negotiations and the so-called compromise on a 10 per cent basis was pre-arranged between the officials and the bosses.

The laundry workers are among the most exploited workers. The wages for most were between \$10 and \$12 with only a few getting as high as \$23 per week.

The Trade Union Unity League has issued a leaflet to the workers which was distributed in the laundries. The leaflet called for a big rank and file strike committee, that no settlements be made without the approval of the workers, and against acceptance of any wage cuts.

Many militant workers of the union are coming to the T. U. U. L. office to take steps for a militant group within the union, that will represent the demands of the rank and file.

Steel Company Forced to Slacken Speed as Workers Faint

Removing Second Catcher
Speeds Up Others to a
Breaking Point

COMMITTEE NEEDED

Minimum Monthly Wage
Scale Needed

PITTSBURG, Calif.—Not satisfied with the 10 per cent wage cut in November and the 4 to 15 per cent cut on May 16, the blood sucking steel bosses are preparing a new cut and are constantly devising new speedup schemes.

Here in Pittsburgh Steel they removed the second catcher from the crews in the sheet mill department. The dopplers, matchers and first catcher must do this extra work, in addition to their own work. That this is inhuman speed-up is shown by the company's own action in putting the second catcher back on the job during hot weather, as the men are unable to stand it and too many faint on the job.

The company had it easy to put this change through, as the workers are not well organized. It would be very easy to win the demand of having a second catcher on the crew if only all the fellows stick together.

Another instance of the speed-

up is the cutting of the crews on the shears from five to four. Four now do the work of five.

If we would organize a grievance committee in the shops, backed up by every one of the workers, we could win many other demands. For instance, why should we not compel the company to post notices when we are to come back to work, instead of having us come down to the mill every day, just to be told they are not certain just when we will work? We could also demand that our time cards be at the pay window on pay day, instead of our having to walk half a mile to the shop to get the card, and then back to get our check.

We could also demand a minimum wage for the part time workers. What are we going to use for money if we work only two or three days a month, as was the case in the sheet mill. We must fight for a minimum wage for every man on the payroll, regardless of how many days he works per month. There are many other things we would not have to put up with if we were better organized! Why not do it?

The company has a big sinking fund which we have produced, and which is now being used to pay dividends. We should put a stop to that.—Steel Worker.

FAKERS' ALAMEDA RELIEF OUTFIT RUNS WITH CASH

Proceeds of Unemployment
Benefit Show
Disappear

OAKLAND, Calif.—It is definitely reported that proceeds of the unemployment benefit show called the "Bronze Gods" have completely disappeared.

The show was put on by the Alameda County Unemployment Committee, made up of political big shots, including Mayor Callaghan, the city manager and a bunch of charity worker snoots. It was supposed to benefit the workers on the county relief work, many of whom have fainted on the job from lack of food. A soup kitchen has been established as a result.

"Bronze Gods," directed by Theodore Barrett, was to finance this soup kitchen.

JIP WORKERS
To sell tickets, each unemployed worker was given two; if he sold them he was to get in free. Though hundreds were sold, when the workers presented their free tickets, they found they had to pay from 10 cents to \$1 in addition. Workers who walked miles to see the show because they had no carfare, turned around and walked home bitterly.

Estimates of the receipts that have entirely disappeared are between \$1400 and \$1700. Stage hands and actors are unpaid and the unemployed of Alameda County are tightening their belts. The boss press and the Alameda County Unemployment Committee are attempting to hush the matter.

Varying Wages Are Used to Distinguish Milpitas Workers

MILPITAS, Calif.—Field organizers of the Milpitas Local of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union report that wages range from 10c to 20c per hour. There are as many wage rates as there are nationalities picking fruit. This is an old system of the boss class to discriminate and pit one race against another.

The Mexican and Filipino workers are aware of this trickery of the bosses and are responding to the leadership of the C. A. W. I. U. There is great enthusiasm for the union and demand for the WESTERN WORKER as the only dependable guide on the Coast.

—Worker Correspondent.

CLINTON EXTENDS 'MEAL BOY SYSTEM'

CLINTON EX 1 head
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Not content with making a big portion of the help work without wages (busboys and dishwashers) Clinton's Cafeteria is now taking steps to cut the already low wage of the rest of the employees.

Some of the counter girls have had their wages reduced from \$12 to \$10. Almost all of the employees have had their wages cut some. Those busboys and porter workers and supply boys who used to receive 6 hours work with pay, have been put on as meal boys, 3 meals, 3 hours work. Many of the workers have been replaced with meal boys.

BOSSSES SOB
The management hints that Clinton's is going broke, and therefore cannot pay any more. If that is the case the food workers of Clinton's should line up with the revolutionary unions and help establish a Soviet America.

Last year the restaurant workers of Soviet Russia received several wage increases, while we received several cuts. We workers of Clinton's should organize into the Food Workers Industrial Union and demand wages.

—One of 'em.

The Rich St. 'Hotel'

By JOBLESS WORKER

San Francisco citizens have voted a six and one-half million bond issue for the purpose of starving off next winter's crime, death and pestilence.

The way the single unemployed men are treated is a crime. First you are third-degreed at the registration bureau. The clerks, secure under the upraised club of police terror, snarl at you. You have no money, so it is "out of the way, you bum." You are sent to the volunteers of America to take a bath and wash your clothes, for you must be pure to enter the public shelters. If you can prove three years residence in San Francisco you are made a permanent receiver of public charity. At 7 p. m. you present yourself with your ticket at the flophouse. There seems to be acres of iron bedsteads placed so close together that there is barely room to walk in between. On the springs is placed a piece of linoleum. Blankets, pillow or mattress? Don't be a fool, you are a bum. The high go out. The big gas-heaters are going. The air becomes thick. There is the odor of too much humanity. Men hack and cough. At last you fall into a stupor. You are shook awake by a snarling attendant. You get up and stand in line to use the toilet, stand in line to wash. You go with the others to Ritch St. The line, five deep, reaches almost to Folsom street. Men hack and cough. The sidewalk is slippery with their spittle. They are listless. There is no eagerness to eat. At last you enter the kitchen. You take a cup of a strange dark fluid. It is supposed to be coffee. On top of your cup you balance a bowl of goopy gray mush sans sugar or milk. In your free hand

you take a couple of slices of stale bread. You stand at a high table, the top of which is littered with spilled mush. You try to gar down the goopy mass. You attempt to drink the bitter coffee. You only half succeed. The remaining mush goes into the garbage can. Fat McGuire, kitchen superintendent, smiles. Garbage can be sold, the more the merrier. At 3 o'clock you are lined up again for supper. Mutton stew five times a week. Beans on Sundays and Wednesdays. The community kitchen is a blessing to the sheep men. At last they have found a place to get rid of their old ewes and rams.

Now, keep this up for a year. You'll get boils; you'll get an itch and maybe the scurvy. And by and by you'll die long before your time. Yes, we have death and pestilence now. Bonds or no bonds.

SPEEDUP, HUNGER FOR LBR. WORKERS

TACOMA, Wash.—Sixty per cent of the sawmills and logging camps in Washington and Oregon have been idle for the last two years. Camps and mills still running have cut wages over 50 per cent. Where wages were \$3.50 to \$4 a day, they are now getting \$1.50, and speedup increases as wages fall.

Loggers' work is dangerous. More workers were crippled and killed in American camps than in the U. S. forces in the world war. Clothing and boots cost almost as much now as they did when wages were high.

The Lumber Workers Industrial Union is fast gaining recognition as the only militant leader of the workers in their fight against starvation.

—Logger.



Picking Fruit at Dumps Outside of Richmond

80 P. C. OF FRUIT TO ROT IN PLACER CO.

Wages as Low as 70 Cents
Per Hundred for
Hops

ROCKLIN, Calif.—Fruit picking has practically stopped in Placer county. Only 20 per cent of the fruit houses are open, and only about 20 per cent of the fruit is being picked. The poor farmers say they cannot afford to pick their crops. There is plenty of free pears and peaches around here.

Wages are 70 to 90 cents a hundred in the hop fields. A strike nearly took place near Mills, where a Japanese straw boss was driving the workers to madness in the intense heat. The workers got together for a strike and the boss got scared.

Strike sentiment is stirring among the S. P. workers in Roseville, as rumors of a new wage cut and layoff go the rounds.

The Pacific Fruit Express is laying off men in the ice plant because more ice is on hand than can be used. If a workers takes a hunk of waste ice off the ground to take home, he is fired. The bosses would rather have the ice melt on the ground.

Wake up, workers of Placer county. Join the Communist Party and fight against our masters before they starve us to death.

—Worker Correspondent.

RACKETEERS ON JOBLESS SCRIPT

Santa Barbara Skimps on Its
Jobless Relief; Pays the
Bankers \$675,000

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—In our millionaire city the bosses and their agents have hit on a new plan of unemployment relief. To help the single men they lay off forest workers at \$4 a day and then send the unemployed up, by means of forced labor camps, to do their work for 50 cents a day.

They have another graft for the married men. They are sent up in the hills building roads. Sent up early in the morning, brought back each night. The county says these men are getting \$3 a day, but the men only get script orders on the commissary store, run by the county, where everything costs about 15 to 20 per cent more than downtown.

One worker got an order for \$15 and priced the groceries he received at one of the local stores and found them worth \$9.75. But even under this system the county is afraid a man might get too much, so they don't allow the worker to pick his own groceries at the commissary store. They spend his script order for him and fend off all the job-lots they can find. For instance, to one worker in exchange for the script order they give 20 cans of tomatoes; to another 15 pounds of margarine; to another nothing but eggs. How the hell is a man to feed his family 15 pounds of margarine? The workers are getting fed up with this "millionaire relief" in a city which claims it cannot give the unemployed any more, while it hands out \$675,000 per year to the banks as interest on its bonded debt (city and county combined).

—Santa Barbara Worker.

Wyoming and New Mexico on Ballot

DENVER, Colo.—Of the four states in District 19 of the Communist Party, Wyoming and New Mexico are already on the ballot. The signatures for Colorado and Utah have already been collected and will be filed September 8.

POCATELLO NEEDS UNEMP. COUNCIL

POCATELLO, Idaho.—The railroad shops here are giving us only 10 to 15 days a month and many have been laid off entirely. The boss is a real slave driver.

Those of us in the shops don't make enough to feed our families, and we know that this winter we shall be even worse off. The relief is poor, and many are refused. A lot of radical talk goes around the town, but what we need is a big Unemployed Council that will act as well as talk. We should also get the Communist Party on the ballot in Idaho so we can protest this boss system at the poles. Workers must vote for Foster and Ford for a better place to live, for the end of misery and starvation, for the suppression of parasites, gangsters, grafters and misleaders.

We like the Western Worker, but feel it needs more pictures and should be a weekly.

—Shop Worker.

Eureka Lumberjack Warns Job Seekers

EUREKA, Calif.—The makers and timber workers stay away from Humboldt County, California. When the tax payers were footing the bills for the railroads during the war, prices were generous and inspection was liberal. Now that Morgan and his bunch are again in control, inspection is unreasonably rigid and the best grade of timber cut into ties is selling for less than the cheapest grade before.

Fallers must now do their own bucking—never mind what became of the buckers. There are plenty of souplings. Fallers must furnish their own drag saw. An out fit costs between \$150 and \$200. If you are canned, a second hand man might offer you \$15 to \$20. So keep away from here unless you need exercise for your health.

MISSOULA, Mont.—The other day at a ball game a cop clubbed a cook on the railroad for no reason at all. Later in court it came out that the cop figured the worker was unemployed and therefore, he must have reasoned the worker deserved the beating.

SOVIET UNION DELEGATES REPORT GREAT PROGRESS

No Soup Lines, Workers Insured; Speaker Tells of
Great Electrical Plant

Carl Ausmus, member of the Electrical Workers Union, of the American Federation of Labor in Sacramento is the second of the workers' delegates to report on his experiences in the Soviet Union. The first delegate, Kelsey Cottle, made his report in the last issue of the Western Worker.

In America, electricians are not wanted. In the Soviet Union as soon as they heard I was an electrician, all doors opened to me as though I was the most important man on earth. They could not do enough for me. Electricians are the candy kids in Communist Russia.

The reason for this I found to be that over there electrification of industry and farming is looked upon by the government as the means of freeing the population from hard work and long hours of drudgery. Over here the government accepts the view of the big power trusts that electrification is a means to create a few multi-millionaires and a parasite class. Hence, here electricians are used as tools of the few; there we are looked upon as deliverers of the masses from unpleasant work.

I spent a full day inspecting Elektroavod, where most of the electrical appliances for the workers and farmers are being made. I can give a few figures, but I am unable to describe this amazing place. Here is their record up to date:

Richard E. Hunt

Comrade Hunt, only 33, a painter and ex-serviceman, was drowned on Sunday, Aug. 28, while fishing. Comrade Hunt was one of the most active workers in the party. Although only six months in the party he was making rapid progress toward becoming a leading functionary. He had devoted his energy in a most untiring manner to the revolutionary cause, and this was one of the few Sundays that he took for a rest, only to be washed off a rock by a strong wave.

The comrades of San Francisco and the students of the district school in which he was a student, will long remember him for his devoted and practical attitude to party tasks.

F. S. U. TO HOLD DIST. CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

Paul Orr Tours Northern
California to Prepare
for Convention

The Friends of the Soviet Union of Central and Northern California will hold its first District Convention in San Francisco on Sunday, Sept. 25th.

There will be representatives from 15 locals in the district.

At this convention will be worked out bylaws for the organization, a plan of work for the coming year and the activities of the past year and a half will be reviewed.

Delegates to this convention will be elected on the basis of one for each 10 paid up members to July, 1932. All locals and branches are asked to immediately get their members to pay up in their dues and elect the delegates. Send in the names of the delegates to the district office.

In preparation for this convention Comrade Paul Orr, district secretary of the F. S. U. will tour the district and hold meetings, membership, public meetings, etc.

Comrade Orr's schedule follows:

Monday, Sept. 5, Stockton.
Tuesday, Sept. 6, Sparks, Nev.
Wednesday, Sept. 7, Fallon, Nev.

Thursday, Sept. 8, Lovelock, Nev.

Friday, Sept. 9, Reno, Nev.
Saturday, Sept. 10, Sacramento.
Sunday, Sept. 11, Fair Oaks.
Monday, Sept. 12, Chico.

Tuesday, Sept. 13, Eureka.

Sunday, Sept. 18, San Jose.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, Santa Cruz.

The locals around Fresno and East Bay are also preparing for the District Convention.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Red Army Marches On

HANKOW, China.—The Red Army in its advance upon the important city of Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi province, captured the city of Linkank. This practically leaves the road clear to Nanchang, which is only fifty miles away. The Thirteenth Division of the Nanking army has gone over to the Red Army.

Japan Plans Railroad Near U. S. S. R. Border

HARBIN, Manchuria.—It has now been disclosed that the Japanese were using forced Chinese labor to build a railroad line connecting up the Manchurian system with Korea. The line is to facilitate the movements of troops to the Soviet border. Construction has been halted, however, due to the activities of the Korean and Manchurian rebels.

Chinese Soviets Come to Aid of Rueggs

SIUKING, Sovje China.—The Chinese Soviet Government offered to exchange missionaries which are held prisoners here for the Rueggs, which were given life sentences by the Nanking government. The Rueggs have been active in the workers' Pan-Pacific movement.

Clara Zetkin Opens Reichstag

BERLIN, Germany.—Clara Zetkin, 75 year old German Communist leader, opened the Reichstag here. This is in accordance with the German law which provides that the oldest member opens the session. She opened with the remarks that she hopes to live long enough to open the first session of the Soviets of Germany.

English Cotton Workers on Strike

MANCHESTER, England.—More than 200,000 textile workers are already on strike. The strike against a wage cut is fast spreading, and is expected to involve 400,000 soon.

Manchukuo Troops Mutiny

MUKDEN, Manchuria.—Troops of the Manchurian government are deserting in mass and are attacking the Japanese in many parts. Some of the recent fighting has taken on major proportions.

At Menichihu the Japanese were attacked with rifles and machine guns. This is in the heart of the coal and iron area and an important railway center. Service on two railway lines was halted as a result of the fighting.

Ada Wright Arrested in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—Ada Wright, mother of one of the Scottsboro boys, has again been expelled from Belgium after she was arrested while speaking at a Mooney-Scottsboro and Sacco Vanzetti memorial meeting at Charleroi, the heart of the coal strike area.

Unemployment Increases in Italy

ROME, Italy.—Unemployment here has increased according to the official figure from 637,000 in July, 1931, to 931,999 in July, 1932. The situation is undoubtedly far worse since the government figures generally under estimate the real facts.

Municipal Workers Strike in Poland

WARSAW, Poland.—The municipal workers of the city of Lemberg are out on strike. All the public works are tied up. Street lamp lighters have been replaced by soldiers. Street cars are at a standstill. The press is conducting a furious campaign against the Communists as "the inciters of the political strike."

Sandino Will Drive Out Marines

MANAGUA, Nicaragua.—In a letter to "La Prensa," general Augusto Sandino, leader of the National Army of Liberation, states that he will drive the U. S. Marines out of Nicaragua, and will do the same to the former presidents, who were agents of American imperialism.

LEGION WAR MAKERS USE SCHOOL AGAINST SOVIET

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—During the past year at Sequoia High School, the speeches the students must listen to have nearly all been to stir up hatred of the Soviet Union. The Redwood Chapter of the American Legion sends speakers, and once promised to help us with a show, providing we marched in their parade on Armistice Day. They claimed their aim was for world peace, while in the same breath they denounced Russia and its type of government and praised ours.

One speaker, who claimed he visited Russia, told us how many different kinds of bed bugs and lice he had when he came out of there. He tried to leave the impression that most of the trains are carrying prisoners to do forced labor.

These war inciters are not getting away with their propaganda 100 per cent. We students are beginning to question a system that permits our fathers to be out of jobs for months and allows children to go to school hungry. The cafeteria which the school operates charges 35c, and the food is poor. We are going to organize a militant Students League to stop the Legion liars, and lead struggles for students' demands.

L. A. FRIHTE TO HOLD BIG PICNIC

On September 20 the Morning Freiheit expects to set a record for their annual picnic. They have rented the Royal Palm Grove, by the ocean at San Pedro, Calif.

The grounds are fine—swimming in the ocean, a dance under open skies and accommodations for all sports and games. A special orchestra has been arranged to provide dance music. The Freiheit Gesangs Verein, Mandolin Orchestra and Rebel Players, are arranging a special program for that day. Tickets can now be had for 10 cents, 25 cents additional to be paid at the door. Youth will

WIN 30 MINUTE LUNCH TIME FROM FORD; BUT NO PLACE TO EAT IT

RICHMOND, Calif.—Though Ford's new million-dollar plant here is pointed out as a marvel of industrial efficiency, where ideal working conditions are supposed to prevail, the workers inside tell another story.

In the entire plant, which extends over half a mile, there is no place where the workers can sit down and eat their lunches in comfort. There is no cafeteria or lunch room—not even a room with tables and benches. Formerly the men used to eat their lunches inside the plant, and make the best of it. But for the past two months they have been denied even this privilege, and have been herded outdoors, with a bare platform to squat or sit on.

If a worker fails to bring a lunch, there is only one source where he can buy a box lunch—and the sandwiches are shaved so thin that they remind a fellow of a Salvation Army handout. With all of Ford's boasted efficiency, why isn't there a place where a worker can buy a hot lunch? Is Ford too poor, or is it just another sign of his not caring for the human tools who produce cars and huge profits for him?

The workers formerly were allowed 20 minutes to rest at noon, but sufficient protest was voiced so that the rest period has been extended to 30 minutes. But the "big shots" (foremen and high officials) can have an hour or more to relax, and they drive downtown to the best restaurants and top off their meal with choice cigarettes. Though this a small demand, we must fight for it just the same. A committee in the shop is a good start.

—Worker Correspondent.

be admitted for 10 cents only. Transportation free for all. Trucks will leave the Co-operative Center, 2700 Brooklyn Ave., 9 a. m.

Briefs

Boomerang Attack

ASTORIA, Ore.—The editorial which was published in the Daily Messenger about the bad Communist soap box speaker was fine. Workers of this town ever since have been asking questions about Communist principles and how they can join the party of the working class.

Newsboys Speeded Up

EUREKA, Cal.—Half the Frisco carriers were laid off a short time ago. The local "Humboldt Standard" did likewise, and then put over a 10 per cent cut. Carriers now must handle twice the papers we used to carry. Mr. B., circulation manager of the Standard, tries to smother down the discontent by cracking stale jokes and passing out gum. I wonder if he ever heard about a newsboys' strike?

Restaurant Slop and Five Cents an Hour Paid at El Sorio

MODESTO, Calif., Aug. 20.—Miserable left-over slop from the restaurant at 806 7th St., and 5c an hour make up the wages for peach pickers at the El Sorio ranch near here. The Field Superintendent, named Watters, owns the restaurant. A large sign over the front of the place reads: "One Hundred Per Cent American. Nothing But White Help Used." Let us answer this vicious exploiter by organizing into the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union and show the bosses the workers can fight back.

—Worker Correspondent.

Police in Ruthless Attack on Astoria Workers

ARMED THUGS BEAT WOMEN - CHILDREN

Legionaire Gang Assists in Clubbing of Workers

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 29.—Over 700 workers, farmers and fishermen who came to listen to the Young Communist League street meeting, Saturday, Aug. 27, were eye witnesses to what the capitalist system has in store for the workers who begin to protest against starvation, wage cuts and misery.

When the police were unable to break up the meeting because of the solidarity of the workers, they called for help to the anti-working class American Legion gang.

A 13 year old boy was beaten unconscious by a blackjack in the hands of Ed Hanson, 240 pound bull. The boy's mother tried to stop this "gentleman" from twist-

ing the boy's arm, and the bull answered by striking her in the face with his fist—proving he was a brave officer, no doubt. Sheriff Slusher, who is running for reelection, showed his "good manners" by swinging his 12 inch flashlight until he sent a worker, Emanuel Pickmosa, to the hospital.

Following the arrest of two workers, Carl Syvanon and Jack Tayback, the workers marched to the jail to demand their release. "Good manners" Slusher politely asked if the workers wanted tear gas. "Let it come," the workers answered, "we got used to it already in France during the war."

One worker shouted: "We won't forget your good manners during the election."

Vote Communist—against capitalist terror; against all forms of suppression of the political rights of the workers. Let us elect a Communist Sheriff.

FEAR OF WORKERS FORCES ACTION BY L. A. CHARITY

Appeal to U. C. Block Committee Gets Action

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 31.—"We don't want any trouble. We don't want any more rioting around here. Go ahead and look for a house; we'll take care of it."

This was the reply made by the woman in charge of the Los Angeles County Welfare Bureau yesterday when a committee of the Unemployed Council demanded a house for a family of three which had just been evicted for non-payment of rent.

Mrs. Jennie Schwartz, her ill husband and son, had been put out on the street at 8 o'clock in the morning and were seated near the curb beside their furniture. When she received the eviction notice, several days ago, she herself had visited the County Welfare Bureau to ask for shelter, but was told the county could do nothing for her. She was told of the Unemployed Council by neighbors and appealed to these workers for help. A half hour after the committee of the Unemployed Council visited the County Welfare Bureau, Mrs. Schwartz and her family were installed in their new home.

I. W. O. GROWS IN THE BAY REGION

For the short time that the International Workers Order exists, there are already six branches in Northern California. In order to direct the organization of the order more effectively, a district committee was formed with delegates from all these branches.

The district committee has already mapped out plans for extending the organization to many parts of the state. Organization groups have already been formed to establish branches in many parts. New branches are expected soon in North Beach, San Francisco (Italian), Berkeley, Santa Cruz and Pittsburgh.

RAISIN FARMERS EXPOSE FAKERS

REEDLEY, Calif.—The local branch of the United Farmers League exposed two fakers, Beesaw and Clark, who sponsored a park meeting attended by 1500.

Beesaw dealt with the conditions of the raisin pool. He promised the farmers that if they organized under his leadership and "stick together" they will be able to get 5 cents per pound for raisins by September 5. The scheme is that they will pack the raisins, figs and prunes in one pound packages and sell directly to individual grocers. A national organization was to be formed, called the Golden State Fruit and Produce Company.

He admitted that the only thing he has for the enterprise was a packing machine worth \$2500. He did not explain where the money to start the enterprise was to come from.

Beesaw called for a committee to consist of one from each town. No one responded, but one farmer stood up and asked for a United Farmers League representative. Patterson of that organization arose. The crowd yelled from all sides "let him speak." Patterson spoke, exposing the raisin pool and these new fakers. The program of the United Farmers League was explained, and the farmers were urged to fight against the high power and water charges. He was greeted with great applause.

The crowd eagerly received the leaflets of the United Farmers League.

When finished, Beesaw again asked for a committee, but only one responded. The crowd yelled "faker". He got off the stage almost in tears.

Good organizational basis was laid for the United Farmers League.

Nevada Workers And Farmers Hold Good Conference

FALLON, Nev., Aug. 31.—A conference took place at the Guild Hall to discuss the problems of the workers and farmers of this section. About 75 were present.

The discussion was opened by the organizer of the United Farmers' League, who analyzed the conditions in the U. S. A. lively discussion followed, after which 18 joined the United Farmers' League, and about thirty applications were taken out for others to sign.

Resolutions were passed expressing solidarity with the striking miners and Iowa farmers. The U. F. L. branch will meet twice a month. It was also decided to draw up demands for the local farmers and workers.

16,000 RAISIN FARMERS QUIT DEFEATED POOL

FRESNO, Sept. 1.—Sixteen thousand farmers who were members of the California Raisin Pool quit. The contracts which they signed will be returned to them by the defeated pool within the next few days.

Many of these were small farmers who have either been fooled or terrorized into joining by the campaign of the pool, and are now glad to be independent of the pool.

The United Farmers League, which led the fight against the pool is now engaged in an active organization drive in the valley.

PAROLE BOARD AGAIN DELAYS SKLAR'S RELEASE

Cannot Deport Worker; Therefore Hold Him in Jail

Despite the fact that the Labor Department in Washington has removed the last obstacle for Carl Sklar's release, the California prison parole board has decided to hold up decision on the case until September 9.

Sklar has already spent 37 days in prison beyond the date set for his release by the parole board. The parole board has agreed to parole him with the understanding that he be turned over to the immigration authorities for deportation. In view of the fact that Sklar is a Russian subject, and cannot be deported to the Soviet Union, there being no diplomatic relations with that country, the Labor Department agreed to free Sklar on his own recognizance. This takes away all obstacles to the freeing of Sklar in the same manner as were the other Imperial Valley prisoners, Erickson and Roxas.

The International Labor Defense sees this as an attempt to keep Sklar in prison, and urges upon all workers organizations to protest to the prison parole board, demanding his immediate release.

In addition to Sklar one more of the Imperial Valley prisoners, Emery, still remains in prison and is to serve until February, 1933. The I. L. D. is fighting for his immediate release also.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY MEETS ON SEPTEMBER 9

Young Communist League Active in Anti-War Meetings

International Youth Day meetings this year will be held in cities throughout the west, many of which are for the first time.

Sept. 9th will mark the 18th International Youth Day since the Youth International Conference held in Bern, Switzerland, in 1915, for the struggle against imperialist war. This year the meetings take on special significance in view of the acute war developments.

In San Francisco the I. Y. D. meeting will be at Equality Hall, 141 Albion St., near 16th and Valencia, on Sept. 9th, 8:00 p. m. In addition to Young Communist League and party speakers, there will be an interesting program and dancing after the meeting.

All other meetings along the coast are likewise on Sept. 9th, except in San Jose and Watsonville, which will be on the 10th and 11th respectively.

BUILD WESTERN WORKER

The announcement that the Western Worker will appear weekly beginning October 18, has met with enthusiastic response from many parts of the west. Many Western Worker agents have already replied, readily accepting the small increase in the quota for bundle orders and subs necessary before we start as a weekly. In many cases we are criticized for making these increases too small.

WELCOMES WEEKLY

A worker from Sacramento writes us: "A weekly is just what we need to make the Western Worker a mass paper. I don't mind the four pages. It seems to put everything in less words and to the point. Besides it is much easier to handle if you want to slip it into an envelope, or in a fellow worker's hand around the shop."

SAN JOSE TAKE NOTICE Salinas, a new unit, writes: "Make our standing bundle order 30. Send us 100 extra copies of the issue that has the article on the Spreckels Sugar Refinery. Our unit is challenging the entire section. We intend to get more subs than any unit in the section and the San Jose units especially."

The northwestern regions are

Must Force the Release of the Two Remaining



These are the Imperial Valley prisoners. All but two are now released on parole or deported. The two remaining are Carl Sklar (second from right, lower) and Emery, third in the top row.

CONVENTION OF V. F. W. CONDEMNS HOOVER TERROR

Repudiate Their Leaders; Demand Bonus

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 1.—Amid great cheering a resolution condemning Hoover's terror against the bonus marchers in Washington was adopted at the national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, taking place here.

A resolution demanding the bonus is also certain to be passed. Other resolutions passed consisted of the approval of the six-hour day and five day week but without reduction in pay.

The passage of these resolutions is considered a serious defeat for the officials of the organization who condemned the bonus march from their very start.

Representatives of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League point out that the officials of the V. F. W. dare not put forth open resistance to this sentiment coming from the rank and file veterans, as their ability to hold control of the organization has already been seriously shaken in the course of the last few months. This is evident by the many that are leaving the organization and joining the W. E. S. L.

Berkeley Jobless Win City Truck for Fruit Salvaging

BERKELEY, Calif.—August 13 A committee from the Unemployed Council went before the Berkeley City Council and demanded the use of one of the city trucks to haul fruit from the surrounding farms.

The city manager tried to dodge the demand with numerous excuses, but finally gave in, furnishing in addition a driver, gasoline and ferry fare.

Sixty sacks of pears and apples were picked in Marin County, where the poor farmers, unable to pick their own crops, were glad to see the starving city workers get the benefit. One farmer said he had just finished killing and burying sixty young roosters because he could not sell them for enough to pay shipping charges.

The fruit was distributed at Comrade's Hall, 1819 10th St., by the Workers' International Relief.

R. R. Workers Face Big Cut in Wages

Continued from page 1, col. 1 number of trains, especially on competing lines.

All of these measures will result in much greater unemployment in the industry. The Railroad Workers Industrial League points to these conditions and warns the workers that the officials of the existing unions will again enter into long negotiations, and look for an opportunity to betray the workers.

The R. R. W. I. L. is at present organizing groups on various lines and in railroad shops to lead the fight of the rank and file against the cut.

ner. Why should we vote for more of the boss-class which is against the bonus? The A. E. F. was mustered into service under a Democratic President—so what can be expected from Roosy? So here goes, let's paint this country Red in November. Find enclosed \$1 for the good cause.—A VET'S SISTER.

PORTLAND FAKER TAKES A CHANCE; LOSES FOLLOWERS

PORTLAND, Ore.—In a desperate move to win publicity by posing as an extreme radical, H. Stallard, Farmer Labor Party organizer and candidate for Congress from Oregon, challenged the district organizer of the Communist Party, Alex Noral, to debate on the subject "That the Tactics of the Communist Party, U. S., has been, and now are destructive to the solidarity of the working class and the exploited poor farmers."

That Stallard made a costly mistake is evident in the decision. The entire audience of 400, including, of course, Stallard's own followers, stood up to express their decision in favor of Comrade Noral's side.

Stallard has been parading before the workers and exploited farmers for sixteen years, while faithfully serving his boss class masters. He even campaigned for Governor Meier, who is trying to force the workers to accept \$1.50 a day on the state roads.

MEMORIAL FOR DEAD BULLETS FOR THE LIVING

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Leases Lot at 765 Howard St.

The long awaited San Francisco War Memorial is now completed, and will be formally opened on September 9. The cost is \$6,125,000. A celebration is planned and the city officials are expected to give the usual line of speeches on how "our boys fought to save the democracy we are now enjoying," etc., etc.

The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League organizer, W. Lambert, commenting on the memorial, stated "the memorial is only another example to show that the U. S. government will spend millions for the dead, but has bullets for the living. The mass of the veterans, unemployed and starving, will not be fooled by this hypocrisy, but will join the fight under the leadership of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, for the payment of the bonus."

The W. E. S. L. has leased a lot at 765 Howard street, where regular open air meetings will be held, a literature table and recruiting office for the organization will be established. Meetings are being held at 5 p. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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PORTLAND VETS EXPOSE KHAKI SHIRT TOOLS

W. E. S. L. Posts Are Being Built Throughout Portland

BY AN EX-SERVICEMAN PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 18.—"Captain" Art Wilson, "officer" of the Water's B. E. F. staff, returned to Portland from Washington, D. C., recently, amid blatant bombast and headlines on front pages of the bourgeois press. Captain Wilson came to reorganize the scattered Oregon contingent of the bonus army, into Water's khaki shirts Fascist movement.

Although of the same "high-type" American as Waters (quotation from bourgeois newspapers), Wilson has been received with open arms by the various elements representing capitalism, and has been feted and entertained at Chamber of Commerce luncheons and business men's meetings, especially when he told of the "inside story of the bonus march," and stated that "some Communist threw the brick at Glasford," starting the riot at Washington. In the same interview given to the bourgeois press, he placed responsibility for bloody Thursday on Hoover and, in the next paragraph, on the Communists.

At a recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon at which Wilson appeared as an invited "speaker," he was suddenly promoted from the rank of captain to colonel, now receiving mention in the press as "Colonel Wilson" of the B. E. F.

CAMPAIGN FLOPS

However, although the "Colonel" is active in fulfilling his luncheon engagements he is making little headway in his efforts at recruiting khaki shirts and setting up concentration camps in the state of Oregon.

"Colonel" Wilson petitioned the millionaire department store owner, Governor Meier, for a tract of land, preferably near Portland, "where the boys can wait for congress to act on the bonus," so far the concentration camp has appeared only in newspaper interviews and luncheon speeches. The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League has revealed to the workers the real purpose behind these concentration camps, exposing them as but another means of segregating and isolating the ex-servicemen from the workers' struggles and to make them tools for the building of a Fascist Dictatorship.

The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League is fast growing as the rank and file veterans' organization of Portland. Posts are likewise being established in Astoria, Salem, Eugene, Bend, Klamath Falls and other parts of the state. Oregon will be well represented at the Ex-Servicemen's Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 23rd, 24th and 25th.

GAS SHUT OFF SO FAMILY COOKS IN FIREPLACE

BURLINGAME, Cal. — There may possibly be a landlord who evicts tenants because he cannot eat unless he gets his rent. But this excuse does not apply to the gas and light companies who shut off light and gas in unemployed workers home.

One family in this town is cooking in the fireplace with a small fire made from boxes and trying to keep four children in school. If the children have to study school work at night they do it with candle light.

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"The Role of Technical Progress in the Soviet Union and Capitalist Countries."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 8 P. M.—Workers Sports Club of S. F. Third Annual Exhibition and Dance, at new headquarters, 2677 Mission St., near 23rd. All Workers Organizations are requested to keep this date open.

SAT. SEPT. 10, 8 o'clock sharp. Program and Dance by Building Trades Workers League, at the Workers Center, 1164 Market. Red Hynes Sketch by J. R. C.; Solos, Duets, Trio and Quartet; Radio Singers in person. Big Dance after; prize waltz; great event for 25c west of New York.

SUPERVISORS TO HEAR S. F. JOBLESS SEPT. 12

(Continued from page 1, col. 8) all city relief work be paid in cash with a minimum of \$5 per day; milk and hot lunches for children at school free; that there be no discrimination in the giving of relief, etc., etc.

BOND ISSUE NOT SUFFICIENT The joint committee of the Unemployed Councils and the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, under whose auspices the Hunger March is arranged, commenting upon the bond issue approved during the primary election, state that "the overwhelming vote for the bond indicates the great demand for relief."

"The bond was proposed by the city administration because it was forced by the militant fight for relief under the leadership of the Unemployed Council, and therefore constitutes a concession. However, it is far from sufficient and is really intended for the continuation of the charity system. The Unemployed Council demands cash relief, and show how the money could be obtained. We are demanding that representatives of the Unemployed Council and the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League be placed on the special committee that Mayor Rossi will appoint to administer the \$6,500,000."

HUNGER MARCH RALLIES The San Francisco Hunger March Committee reports that mobilization for the march is under way full swing. On the night of September 9 there will be a series of at least 25 rallies in all neighborhoods for the final mobilization.

The demands are being popularized through tens of thousands of leaflets, and discussions at workers' organizations. The work for the hunger march has been a means for activating the Unemployed Councils in all neighborhoods.

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Editorial Column

THE RISE IN STOCK PRICES AND THE HUNGER MARCHES

The country is being flooded with optimistic propaganda about the "end of the crisis."

The biggest liars in this campaign are, as usual, the Hoover administration and its A. F. of L. agents. In a statement released August 31 and published in all the boss press, Green declares:

The fact that unemployment stopped increasing in August is encouraging. The check in the hitherto constant rise shows a distinct improvement over each of the other two previous depression summers when unemployment increased in August.

So Mr. Green says, there was no increase in unemployment in August! But what does his own research department say? In No. 38 of the monthly survey of business, issued by the A. F. of L., in the same week as Mr. Green's statement they declare:

The stock rise has not been followed by business improvement. From the end of June to the middle of August, steel production declined 15 per cent and automobile production 51 per cent, although auto output usually declines only 7 per cent at this season and steel usually begins to pick up. Unemployment has increased and workers' incomes are the lowest since the depression began.

Mr. Green's right hand doesn't know how his left hand is lying!

For the west the decline was worse for August than for any other part of the country. The financial pages of all the newspapers carried big stories about the "rise in electric power production for August over July. We have computed this carefully. For the entire country there was a rise of 1-33 of 1 per cent; or not much more than it took to light the newspapers' offices where this proof of the end of the depression was written. But while this 1-33 of 1 per cent rise was reported for the entire country, the Pacific Coast showed a decline of 12.4 per cent.

And for the rest of the country declines were noted in practically every major industry. For example:

Steel is at 13 per cent of capacity, against 14 for the preceding month of July. Shipments of the important steel producers reached the lowest point of the depression. (Reported by the Iron Age, semi-official organ of the steel trust).

Railway earnings showed the largest decrease from the corresponding month of the previous year so far recorded in the depression. The first 72 roads to report for July of this year had net operating income of \$11,155,000, as against \$52,716,000 in the same month of last year, a reduction of 78 per cent. (Interstate Commerce Commission report).

These are signs of a deepening of the depression, not the end. The rise of stock prices is not due to an end of the depression, but to the maneuvering of the Hoover government and its backers to give the outward appearance of returning prosperity. It was especially made possible by the inflation moves, allowing the national banks to issue paper money without gold backing, but only on the government bonds and its own capital stock. This inflation, lowering the value of money, raises the price of stocks, and commodities. Wholesale commodity prices rose 2 per cent for August. This far from brings back prosperity to the workers, but has only increased the cost of living, and the misery of the masses.

Don't believe the capitalist liars!

Don't let up in the fight for unemployment insurance and immediate relief!

Join the County Hunger Marches.

JAMES FORD TOURING WEST

"The worst race riot in recent times in the west"—that is how the United Press reports last month's attack of the Denver police on several hundred Negro and white workers who tried swimming in the same public swimming pool. This fight capped a hole series of attempts by the bosses to stir up race antagonisms. Self styled "vigilantes" armed themselves in the state of Washington two months ago and ran Filipinos out of several counties. In Southern California Mexicans have been taken from their homes, work places and picked up on the streets by the thousands and shipped out without even a hearing.

The unity of black and white workers in Denver is a splendid show of militant resistance, and should arouse the entire mass of workers and poor farmers to fight against the victimization and discrimination against the black, yellow and brown peoples. Under the myth of white superiority the ranks of the oppressed masses are split asunder to weaken the struggle of revolutionary workers and strengthen the exploitation rights of the bosses.

Now James Ford, candidate for vice-president on the Communist Party ticket, will tour the west during September and the first part of October. He is the first Negro to have the nomination of Negro and white workers and farmers in a national party for this office.

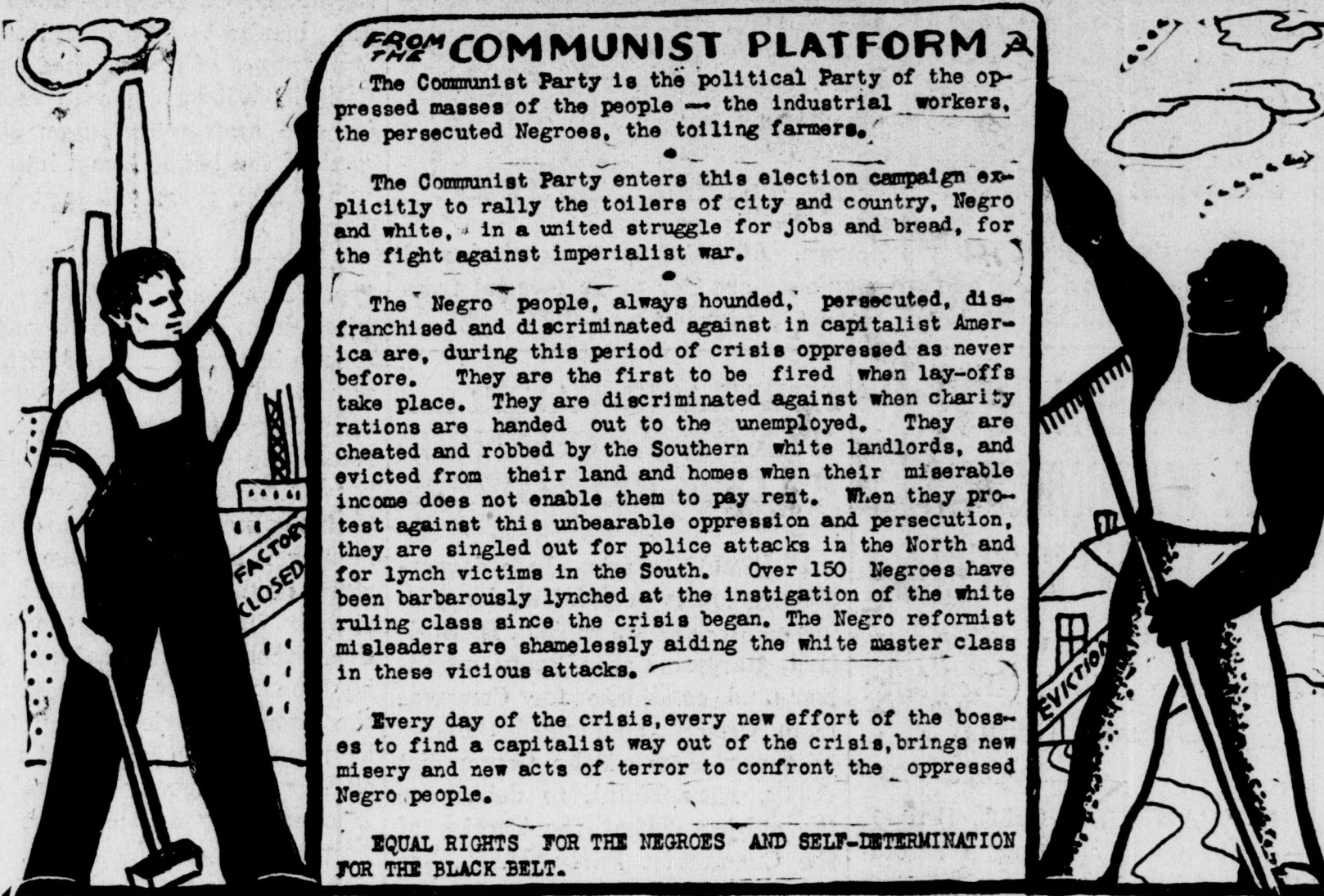
His nomination is one way by which the Communist Party hopes to strike a blow against discrimination and prejudice. To be effective this move must have the participation of large masses of Negro, Filipino, Chinese and other groups which are victims of white chauvinism, as well as white workers.

Comrade Ford has already won his spurs as a working class leader of all races. He was one of those arrested in Washington during the massacre of the war veterans by the Hoover government. His first hand story of that historic event will be well worth hearing.

Workers of all races and nations, unite for liberation under the banner of Communism!

All out to Ford meetings.

ALL OUT FOR FORD MEETINGS



Stopping Munitions Shipments in 1919

How the Seattle Longshoremen Stopped the Shipment of Munitions for War Against the Soviet Union in 1919

With munitions and other war supplies daily leaving through the west coast ports for Japan, to be used against the Chinese people and the Soviet Union, the struggle to stop them becomes an increasingly pressing problem before the workers, especially those engaged in loading these supplies.

In 1919-20, when the Soviet government was surrounded by an iron ring of imperialist armies, every bit of solidarity expressed by the workers in other countries proved of great importance. It would prove of great interest and value to turn the pages of the Seattle "Union Record" during the days when the longshoremen of Seattle showed such a fine example for workers to follow in such a situation.

We merely cite the clippings which tell the story.

AN EXAMPLE

Sept. 8, 1919. . . . "Two car loads of rifles from Remingtons are in Seattle and sixteen more are reported to be rolling towards the city. . . . Are these munitions being sent here for exportation to Kolchack or to prepare in the event of a bolshevik revolution in Seattle?"

Sept. 9, 1919. . . . "War material arrived at Elliot Bay on the S. S. Calvert for Camp Lewis. . . ."

"INNOCENT" PACKAGES

Sept. 18, 1919—"Cases believed to contain ammunition, rifles and machine guns consigned to Russia, are sitting unmoved on pier 5, the Frank Waterhouse & Co. dock, as a result of car gangs of twelve men walking off the job, following the demands to know what the cases contained. . . ."

"According to the men, they reported to work Thursday morning as usual, and began loading

the cases when the question was asked as to their contents. After some further questioning a customs officer was called and opened some of the cases, one of the workers declared, displaying their war contents. The men immediately got together and refused to continue the loading.

"The cargo came to Seattle from eastern points, and was to have been sent overseas on the SS Marhu Maru, a Japanese freighter now loading at pier 5.

"Longshoremen on the waterfront have been warned to keep a careful watch for rifles concealed in innocent packages."

"SEWING MACHINE" BLINDS

Sept. 18, 1919—"Pacific coast longshoremen will tie up the coast from Seattle to San Diego before they will load rifles and ammunition for Siberia or any other part of Russia, declare delegates from the Riggers and Stevedores' local, 38-12, at the Wednesday night meeting of the Central Labor Council. Stating that efforts are being made to load vessels with munitions in crates innocently marked 'sewing machines' or otherwise, the delegates lent argument to the support of a communication to the council from the longshoremen's local, asking its financial and moral support to keep the rifles out of Russia. Amid a wild burst of cheering a motion that full support be given, was carried.

One delegate said that it was well known that seventeen car loads of munitions were in Seattle

ready for shipment.

WARN COAST OF MUNITIONS

Sept. 19, 1919—"Telegrams are being sent today from local longshoremen's union headquarters to all longshoremen's unions on the Pacific Coast, notifying them of the refusal of the workers here to handle the 65,000 rifles intended for Admiral Kolchack in his war on the Russian republic.

"Evidently no decision up to noon today had been reached by the local officials of the Russian Commission of Ways and Communications, to whom the shipment was consigned at Vladivostok, as to what disposition should be made of the munitions, and the rifles were still lying on the docks in the freight cars in Seattle yards.

"All attempts to see M. M. Jurin, in charge of the local office of the commission here, were futile, as the inquirers were notified that he was out.

"Six months ago the stevedores and dock workers notified President Wilson that the longshoremen here would not load arms to be used against the Soviet Republic of Russia, spending \$183 for the dispatch in order to make the position clear. The president replied that 'due consideration' would be given to the communication. . . ."

"... laundry workers pledged support of longshoremen for their action."

AMERICAN LEGION SCABS

Brief of article in Oct. 18, 1919 issue of Seattle "Union Record":

Workers' Organization

NOTICE—To all Western Sections of the Communist Party. So far, this column has dealt with only District 13 matters. This is due to the fact that no reports are sent in from other districts. This column should reflect the party organization throughout the west.

Southern California Holds Convention

The Southern California (Los Angeles) Section of the Communist Party held its Section Convention August 21, with 52 participating, 28 of which were voting delegates, representing 24 units. The discussion was very self critical, dealing chiefly in the lack of growth in the shops, transport and among the agricultural workers. It lasted all day Sunday, with 32 comrades participating. The convention showed a distinct turn toward Americanization of the party, more than half of those present being native born workers. The resolution adopted

outlined the following tasks:

- 1.—The election campaign.
- 2.—Fight for unemployment insurance and immediate relief.
- 3.—Campaign against war.
- 4.—Building the Trade Union Unity League.
- 5.—Building of the Western Worker.
- 6.—Recruiting drive.

The Los Angeles section must now take energetic steps to bring its dues payments and attendance at unit meetings up to the membership on the roll. While the August dues average has gone up slightly, still it is not yet equal to the actual membership on the roll. The attendance is far below the average dues payments, and should be a warning that the inner life of the units is not such as to hold the attention of the new members.

Three New Units in The Last Week

In the past week three new Communist units have been estab-

Arizona Party Holds Convention

As we go to press the Arizona section is calling its convention to order. Arizona has a number of live units in Phoenix and Tucson. The Communist Party is on the ballot in Arizona, and the convention must lay the plans for an energetic election campaign there.

The Recruiting Campaign

Since the last issue of the Western Worker, Los Angeles, San Jose, Sacramento and San Francisco have recruited a number of

Hetch-Hetchy Toll 85 Lives

GRAFT BASIC CAUSE

Five more workers have been buried alive from a cave in the Hetch Hetchy tunnels. This makes it a total of 85 officially reported killed since the project was started. To this should be added the hundreds who have been crippled, diseased and those that eventually died as a result of injuries and disease contracted while working on the project.

Of course this is a cost that generally does not figure in estimates. Under capitalism workers' lives have no value, especially in these days. Therefore why go into any expenses for protection against explosions, cave-ins or accidents?

All that is necessary is to have an investigating committee who report that "it was an unavoidable accident and liable to happen any time" (findings of a committee headed by Cahill).

Edward G. Cahill, manager of the public utilities commission, in charge of the project, expressed it correctly when he stated that the financial loss will probably be slight, though, of course, the value of human lives cannot be valued.

Chief Engineer MacAfee admitted that the timbering in place 19 months was too weak. Unquestionably would an investigation be made by workers representatives, it would be discovered that a relining of the timbering should have started sooner, or that in the first place the timbering could have been done with far greater regard for the workers' lives.

The story of the Hetch Hetchy project could throw some light on the origin of the cave in. This project, which was originally estimated to cost \$45,000,000, has already run up a bill for \$160,000,000 to the City of San Francisco, and with the interest to be paid will probably mount the cost to \$200,000,000 before it is finished. The bulk of the expense found its way into the pockets of the bankers, contractors and grafting politicians. The fact that the project has extended for about 30 years, has been the basis for a political issue, and Mayor Rossi as one of his chief campaign planks, had to promise its completion.

A bond had to be floated for that purpose. It took a great deal of agitation to put the bond over. The bond had to be cut to the lowest possible figure, and even at that there are opinions that the \$6,500,000 would not finish the job.

Therefore a great deal of economizing has to be done. The lowest estimates must be obtained and any possible "extra" job or expense must be guarded against. There was a great deal of debating among the supervisors before the decision was reached for a bond issue, but they unanimously agreed that it would spell disaster for the politicians if the bond would not prove sufficient.

Looked at from this angle, it is obvious that such questions as causes of disasters are not purely technical matters to be left in the hands of engineers, but are primarily class struggle questions.

The Hetch Hetchy project is being built by union labor. It is union by virtue of the unity be-

tween the Rossi machine and the A. F. of L. unions. The unions give the Rossi machine the votes they can command and the union label, while the Rossi machine makes it possible for these misleaders of labor to collect dues.

The A. F. of L. unions serve as a cover for the appalling conditions, in place of exposing the disregard for the workers' lives, as proven by the fact that 85 have been killed and hundreds injured. It becomes much easier to cover up such irresponsibility if a "labor" investigating committee finds the case an "unavoidable accident."

The risk of their lives are only a part of the rotten conditions that workers must endure, working hundreds of feet underground, victims of rheumatism, speedups, and low wages.

The workers on the Hetch Hetchy project should be awakened by such occurrences to realize the necessity of militant struggle against the city politicians and the union leaders who work hand in hand with them, to demand better conditions and particularly force them to recognize a value in workers' lives.

SOVIET EXAMPLE

An example should be taken from the Soviet Union. There underground work is six hours per shift, and in work of this kind it goes as low as four hours per shift. There is a workers' committee on every job to see to it that safety devices are placed wherever possible, and are most modern. Naturally, what else could be expected, the workers there are working for themselves, and not for capitalists or grafting politicians.—G. M.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND WESTERN WORKERS

A. F. of L. Labor Fakers Try Their Demagogy Against the Soviet Union; Thousands of American Investors Want Soviet Bonds; Japanese Agents in U. S. Want Imperialist Unity Against Soviet Union and Chinese People

A rumor was spread about a month ago the Soviet government intended to float a loan in the United States. Immediately all the banks were besieged by people anxious to invest. It turned out, however, that the story was untrue. The Chase National Bank reported many disappointed prospects who saw an opportunity to invest in the only country of growing industry.

The Labor Clarion, organ of the San Francisco A. F. of L. fakers, however, printed a wierd story in its August 26 issue with some fancy interpretations as to the significance of such a loan.

In face of the bank reports of large numbers of investors trying to seize an opportunity they say that "American purchasers of Soviet bonds will be few and far between."

As a matter of fact such a loan would probably be taken up in a very short time. But that's just what they are afraid of, so they warn all and sundry that "The proposal and all the surrounding facts for a bond issue more than likely indicate a condition within the Soviet borders of tremendous gravity."

A. F. of L. DEMAGOGUES

The far fetched conclusion is all the more laughable since as "evidence" is submitted the fact that the U. S. S. R. is selling oriental rugs. With boldness of the demagogue the Labor Clarion plays upon the popular association of oriental rugs with Turkey, and then declare the rugs being sold by the U. S. S. R. are being "dumped at ruinous prices" for Turkey.

Hawshaw, the detective, could not have figured out such an insidious plot.

Oriental rugs, gentlemen of the Labor Clarion, are also made in Transcaucasia, one of the seven largest republics of the U. S. S. R. And it is these that are being sold in the U. S. S. R. Furthermore in the Soviet Union the "grave" conditions are grave only for capitalism and their lickspittle labor lieutenants. And finally, gentlemen, may we remind you that only in the first workers republic has unemployment been completely wiped out. That industry is growing at a tremendous rate. And that for sixteen years, without help from the U. S., the U. S. S. R. is forging into major position among the industrial nations of the world, while capitalism is in the convulsions of its death.

JAPANESE U. S. AGENTS FOR INTERVENTION

Japanese influence in the west of the United States is carrying on a tremendous campaign for international imperialist intervention in China. They are at present circulating a copy of proposals made to the league of nations committee by the Japan Chamber of Commerce, of which the N. Y. K. shipping line and other large Japanese agencies operating on the Pacific Coast are members. After recounting their failure to establish a central government strong enough to protect their exploitation rights; and after pointing out that the chief obstacle is the growth of the Soviet territory under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, they propose:

"The spread of Communism in China will necessarily effect the interests of the powers in the course of time and is a menace to the peace and order of China herself."

"A well concerted international co-operation seems to us the only way to the ultimate rehabilitation of China and the revival of world economies. Conditions in China since the establishment of the revolutionary government, will convince anyone that China's rehabilitation by herself is hopeless. We must form a concert and work in complete harmony and co-operation. If the powers continue to be jealous and suspicious of each other in the present circumstances of China, it will only lead to worse complications with nobody to gain and nobody to lose. It would be to the ultimate interests of the powers themselves if they should work in concert and deal with China as a single body."

WANT UNITY WITH U. S.

This document is obviously of a semi-governmental character. It is sponsored by the highest trade and industry bodies in Japan. It is the most brazen proposal for united imperialist intervention yet made.

Whether united or divided, the war for the seizure and partition by the imperialist powers goes on. The growth of the Chinese revolution under Soviet power is the only answer. The All America Anti-Imperialist League is helping to organize in the United States against imperialist intervention in China. Help them. Get in touch with them through the Western Workers.—S. A. D.